<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

Please amend Claims 1, 8, 10 and 14 as shown below. Please add new

Claims 16 to 30. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for verification of a voucher by a

gaming printer, comprising:

receiving a validation character string <u>by the gaming printer</u>;

printing the received validation character string on ~~a~~ <u>the</u> voucher <u>by the</u>

<u>gaming printer</u>;

scanning the voucher for a scanned validation character string; ~~and~~

verifying the voucher <u>by the gaming printer</u> using the received validation

character string and the scanned validation character string<u>; and</u>

<u>voiding the voucher by the gaming printer if the voucher is not verified</u>.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the received validation

character string is generated by a gaming machine interface board.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the received validation

character string is received from a gaming machine management system.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the scanned validation

character string is generated using an optical character recognition process.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the optical character recognition process is performed by a printer controller.

6. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the optical character recognition process is performed by a voucher scanning device.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the voucher is verified by comparing the received validation character string and the scanned validation character string.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~further comprising~~ wherein voiding the voucher comprises retrieving ~~voiding~~ the voucher if the voucher is not verified.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the voucher is scanned while the voucher is being printed.

10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for verification of a voucher by a gaming printer, comprising:

means for receiving a validation character string;

means for printing the received validation character string on ~~a~~ the voucher;

means for scanning the voucher for a scanned validation character string;

~~and~~

means for verifying the voucher using the received validation character string and the scanned validation character string; and

means for voiding the voucher by the gaming printer if the voucher is not verified.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 further comprising means for generating the scanned validation character string using an optical character recognition process.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the optical character recognition means is included in the voucher scanning means.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the means for verifying the voucher further includes means for comparing the received validation character string and the scanned validation character string.

14. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 10 ~~further comprising~~ wherein the means for voiding the voucher comprises means for ~~voiding~~ retrieving the voucher if the voucher is not verified.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the voucher is scanned while the voucher is being printed.

16. (New) A method for verification of a voucher by a gaming printer, comprising:

receiving a validation character string;

printing the validation character string and a barcode on the voucher using the received validation character string by the gaming printer;

scanning the voucher for a scanned validation character string and a scanned barcode;

verifying the voucher using the scanned validation character string and the scanned barcode by the gaming printer; and

voiding the voucher by the gaming printer if the voucher is not verified.

17. (New) The method of claim 16 wherein the received validation character string is generated by a gaming machine interface board.

18. (New) The method of claim 16 wherein the received validation character string is received from a gaming machine management system.

19. (New) The method of claim 16 wherein the scanned validation character string is generated using an optical character recognition process.

20. (New) The method of claim 19 wherein the optical character recognition process is performed by a printer controller.

21. (New)   The method of claim 19 wherein the optical character recognition process is performed by a voucher scanning device.

22. (New)   The method of claim 16 wherein the voucher is verified by comparing the scanned validation character string and the scanned barcode.

23. (New)   The method of claim 16 wherein voiding the voucher comprises retrieving the voucher if the voucher is not verified.

24. (New)   The method of claim 16 wherein the voucher is scanned while the voucher is being printed.

25. (New)   An apparatus for verification of a voucher by a gaming printer, comprising:

means for receiving a validation character string;

means for printing a validation character string and a barcode on the voucher using the received validation character string;

means for scanning the voucher for a scanned validation character string and a scanned barcode;

means for verifying the voucher using the scanned validation character string and the scanned barcode; and

means for voiding the voucher if the voucher is not verified.

26. (New) The apparatus of claim 25 further comprising means for generating the scanned validation character string using an optical character recognition process.

27. (New) The apparatus of claim 26 wherein the optical character recognition means is included in the voucher scanning means.

28. (New) The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the means for verifying the voucher further includes means for comparing the scanned validation character string and the scanned barcode.

29. (New) The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the means for voiding the voucher comprises means for retrieving the voucher if the voucher is not verified.

30. (New) The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the voucher is scanned while the voucher is being printed.